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TRADE DISPUTES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of trade disputes between India and other countries are pending with dispute disposal body of the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

(b) if so, the details thereof and negotiation conducted in this regard; and

(c) the steps / measures taken by the Government in order to ensure the favourable decision of the dispute disposal body?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c): India has approached the Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO) for settling some trade disputes we have with certain trading partners. A few of our trading partners have also complained to the WTO against India in certain cases. The present status of all these pending cases in the Dispute Settlement Body of WTO where India is either the complaining country or the country complained against, is given in the table given below.

In all these disputes India has held consultations with the country complained against or the complaining country with a view to clarifying the issues related to the specific measures under dispute and arriving at a mutually acceptable solution. In certain cases no mutually acceptable solution could be reached and either India or the complaining country has sought the establishment of a dispute settlement panel. Timely submissions have been made before these panels setting forth the Government`s view point on the measures under dispute.

Sl.	Subject of Dispute	Complaining Country	Complaint against	Present Status
1.	Restrictions on export of products including raw hides and skins.	EC	India	Consultations held
2.	Concerning certain measures affecting the Auto motive sector - Auto policy	EC	India	Panel process near conclusion
3.	Import restrictions maintained by India for reasons other than Article XVIII:B of GATT 1994	EC	India	Consultations held
4.	A series of customs duties increases implemented by Indian authorities	EC	India	Consultations held
5.	Anti-dumping duties			

imposed by South African Authorities on imports of anti-biotics from India	India	South Africa	Consultations held
6. Concerning certain measures affecting the Automotive sector -Auto policy	USA	India	Panel process near conclusion
7. Anti-dumping duties imposed by US on CTL Steel Plate imports from India	India	US	Panel established. First submission made.
8. US legislation on dumping and subsidy offset (Byrd Amendment)	India and 8 other countries	US	Panel established
9. Anti-dumping duties imposed by Brazil on Jute bags imports from India	India	Brazil	Consultations held
10. Argentina Drugs Dispute	India	Argentina	Consultations held